

REMARKS

Claims 32-35 and 45-54 are pending.

Claims 32-35 and 54 are rejected.

Claims 45-53 are objected to.

In this Amendment, claim 32 is amended to recite claim 51, thus introducing no new matter. Claims 35 and 52 are canceled.

Applicants respectfully request consideration, as follows.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,423,547 with this Amendment to overcome the rejection and respectfully request its withdrawal.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 32-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Licha U.S. Patent No. 6,083,485.

Claims 32-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Miwa et al U.S. Patent No. 7,488,468.

Claim 32 is amended to recite allowable subject matter as the Examiner indicated for objected to claims 45-53; specifically, a method and biocompatible organic solvents that neither Licha nor Miwa teach.

Because the amendment does not introduce new matter, and is based on object-to claims, Applicants believe that claims 32-35 are allowable over Licha and over Miwa.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the application is in complete condition for allowance. The Terminal Disclaimer fee is being simultaneously paid by electronic funds transfer. If other fees are deemed necessary, the Office is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 20-0809.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with questions.

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